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KANSAS CITY, KANSAS MAN SENTENCED ON DRUG AND GUN CHARGES

KANSAS CITY, Kan. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced that **Michael E. Brown, 36, Kansas City, Kansas, was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge Carlos Murguia to eight years and five months in federal prison, without parole, to be followed by three years of supervised release.**

Melgren said that Brown entered a guilty plea on June 4, 2003, to one count of possession with the intent to distribute methamphetamine and one count of possessing a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime.

Melgren stated that Brown admitted at his plea that on December 5, 2002, Kansas City, Kansas Police officers went to Brown's residence in Kansas City, Kansas, investigating a narcotics complaint. Brown further admitted that when the officers searched his residence they found approximately 29.66 grams (approximately 1.05 ounces) of methamphetamine throughout the house including on the dining room table, in the kitchen, and the bedroom closet. Brown further admitted that the officers also found approximately two pounds of marijuana, approximately \$3,247 in cash, additional drug paraphernalia, plus guns and ammunition. Brown further admitted that he used the guns for protection while trafficking drugs.

Melgren commended the excellent work of the Kansas City, Kansas Police Department and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives in this investigation and Assistant U.S. Attorney Terra Morehead in this prosecution.